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SUBJ: POSSIBILITY OF LPG SHIP HULL CONSTRUCTION IN
PORTUGAL

1. ADMIRAL AUGUSTO SOUTO CRUZ, CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF, HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN OBTAINING SUBCONTRACTS FROM AMERICAN FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTING LPG SHIP HULLS IN PORTUGAL. SOUTO CRUZ BELIEVES U.S. DEMAND FOR LPG CARRIERS MAY EXCEED THE CAPACITY OF U.S. YARDS. HE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING THE HULLS FOR SUCH SHIPS IN PORTUGAL. HE APPARENTLY INTENDED TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT TO U.S., BUT REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN DISSUADED FROM DOING SO.

2. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT SOUTO CRUZ WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN FROM THE U.S. IN ORDER FOR US TO RESPOND, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. DOES U.S. DEMAND FOR LPG CARRIERS EXCEED U.S. SHIPYARD CAPACITY?

B. IF SO, COULD U.S. SHIPYARDS SUBCONTRACT THE HULL CONSTRUCTION FOR SUCH VESSELS IN PORTUGAL WITHOUT LOSING THEIR RIGHTS TO USG SHIP CONSTRUCTION SUBSIDIES?

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3. ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN PROVIDE ON

THESE QUESTIONS AND RELATED ISSUES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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